

R E M A R K S

Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of this application as amended are respectfully requested.

Claims 19-23, 26-29 and new claims 41-60 are pending in this application. Claims 3, 5, 8-18 and 30-40, directed to non-elected species, have been canceled without prejudice to filing a divisional application to prosecute the subject matter of these claims. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 24 and 25 have also been canceled.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 19-24 were rejected as being unpatentable over MacLeod et al. (USP 4,875,318) in view of Craw et al. (USP 6,203,423). Claims 25-27 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As noted above, claims 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7 have been cancelled so the Examiner's rejection of these claims has been rendered moot.

Claim 19 is amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 25.

In view of the change to claim 19, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejection of this claim and claims 20-24 which depend directly or indirectly from claim 19, has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

NEW CLAIMS

Claims 41-60 are presented herein and all are directed to the elected species.

Claim 41 is an independent claim which includes the subject matter of original claims 19 and 26. Claims 42-50 depend directly or indirectly from claim 41.

Claim 51 is an independent claim which includes the subject matter of original claims 19 and 27. Claims 52-60 depend directly or indirectly from claim 51.

In view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 26 and 27, claims 41-60 should be allowable over the prior art of record.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE FEE

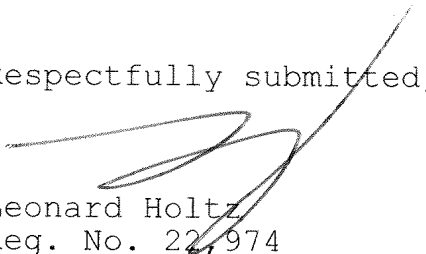
As previously set forth, the application contained 40 claims, of which 4 were independent, and the appropriate claim fee was paid for such claims. The application now contains 29 claims, of which 3 are independent. Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due for entry and consideration of this Amendment. However, authorization is hereby given to charge any fees which may be determined to be required to Deposit Account No. 06-1378.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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